

NEWPORT COUNTY REGIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
Serving the Towns of Little Compton, Portsmouth, Middletown,
Tiverton

Board of Superintendents Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

9:00 a.m. – Regular Meeting

Held at NCRSEP Office

Oliphant Administration Building

Superintendents Present: Mr. W. Rearick, Tiverton Public Schools

Mrs. R. Kraeger, Middletown Public Schools

Mrs. K. Crowley, Little Compton Public Schools

Mrs. A. Riley, Portsmouth Public Schools

Also Present: Ms. S. Kraeger, Director, Newport County Regional

Mrs. C. Andrade, Asst. Director, Newport County Regional

Mrs. C. Silvia, Admin. Asst, NCR

Mrs. G. Augustus, Finance Director, NCR

Atty. M.A. Carroll

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Mr. Rearick.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Director Kraeger requested that Item B under Correspondence be moved up on the agenda prior to Item A.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley, To approve the request of the Director to move Item B under correspondence before Item A.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

B. Research Project Presentation

Dr. Susan Curley, School Psychologist, Melynda Antunes, Special Educator, Deana Dufficy from the Autism Project provided the Board with an overview of Research Program.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley That the Board of Superintendents approves the request proceed with the research project.

A. Power-Point Presentation to Middletown School Committee

Ms. Kraeger shared a Power-Point Presentation that she presented to the Middletown School Committee

C. NCSC Alternate Assessment Update.

Ms. Kraeger shared with the Board an Update on the NCSC Alternate Assessment.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Out of District Placements – Questions/Concerns

B. Critical Cases – Questions/Concerns

C. Medicaid Reimbursement Update – Questions/Concerns

D. Year-to-Date Summary

E. Disbursement Detail Listing

F. Personnel Assignment List

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. February 4, 2015

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger To approve the minutes of the February 4, 2015 minutes. Unanimous Vote.

B. Resignations/Retirements/Leave of Absence

1. Michelle Murphy – Special Educator – Middletown High – Request for Leave

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley That the Board of Superintendents approves the

above named certified personnel's request for leave to begin on or about June 8, 2015 utilizing accrued

personal/sick days with anticipated return to current position on the first day of the second quarter of the 2015-

2016 year to run concurrent with FMLA. Unanimous Vote

2. Amanda LaDuke – Special Educator – Middletown High – Request for Leave

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley That the Board of

Superintendents approves the

above named certified personnel's request for leave to begin on or about May 23, 2015 utilizing accrued

personal and 60 sick days with anticipated return to current position after the personal/60 sick days are exhausted to run concurrent with FMLA. Unanimous Vote

3. Ryan Wood – Teacher Assistant – Gaudet Middle – Request for Leave

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named non-certified personnel's request for leave to begin March 9, 2015 utilizing accrued sick days with anticipated return to current position March 23, 2015 to run concurrent with FMLA.

4. Melynda Antunes – Special Educator – Fort Barton – Request for Leave

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mrs. A. Riley That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named certified personnel's request for leave to begin the first day of the 2015-2016 school year utilizing 13 weeks/65 sick days with anticipated return to current position after the 65 sick days are exhausted to run concurrent with FMLA.

5. Angela Coughlin – Special Educator – Middletown High Request for Leave

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley That the Board of Superintendents approves the above named certified personnel's request for leave to begin on or about June 28, 2015 utilizing 50 sick

days with anticipated return to current position when the 50 days are exhausted to run concurrent with FMLA.

C. Appointments

There were no appointments for the March 4, 2015 meeting.

D. Non-Renewals

1. Jamie Sunderlund – Regional Pre-K School Psychologist .5

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger That the Board of Superintendents approve the recommendation of the Director to non-renew the contracts on the above named certified personnel effective the last day of the 2014-2015 school year. Unanimous Vote.

2. Patricia Toracinta – Regional School Nurse-Teacher .5

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger That the Board of Superintendents approve the recommendation of the Director to non-renew the contracts on the above named certified personnel effective the last day of the 2014-2015 school year. Unanimous Vote.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regional Board of Superintendents may adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-4 for discussion of:

A. Legal Advice/Possible Pending Litigation pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2)

B. Job Performance pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1)

MOTION: 1) Mrs. K. Crowley, 2) Mrs. R. Kraeger. Role call unanimous. That the Board of

Superintendents approve the motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:28 a.m.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley. That the Board of Superintendents approve the motion to adjourn from Executive Session and return to Open Session at 10:46 a.m.

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley. That the Board of Superintendents approves the motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session.

Job performance of an individual was discussed – motion was made to take disciplinary action on an employee.

V. NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

A. Management of Medicaid Funds

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley, That the Board of Superintendents direct the

NCRSEP put a freeze on reimbursement of Medicaid funds to the towns until June 30, 2015. Unanimous

Vote

B. Tuition Costs for a Portsmouth student to remain in Regional Program - Tabled

C. Critical Cases – Separate File

ADJOURN FROM MEETING

MOTION: 1) Mrs. R. Kraeger, 2) Mrs. K. Crowley. To adjourn from the Board of Superintendent’s Meeting, at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Kraeger, Director_____ Coleen Silvia,
Clerk_____